

## **Green Business Best Management Practices**

### **Green Painters and Masonry**

Please use the following sustainability practices as a guide when assessing your painting or masonry business and creating an environmental management plan.

- Divert pressure wash water away from paved surfaces, roadways, storm drains and waterways. Convey wash water to grassy or landscape areas.
- Clean paint brushes and containers in indoor sinks. Never rinse or clean into a parking lot, roadway, storm drain or waterway.
- Use water-based paint and stains whenever possible. Look for low or no VOC/heavy metal products.
- Store chemical fluids away from rain and wind, roadways, storm drains, and waterways. If outdoors, cover with plastic sheeting.
- Inspect equipment and vehicles often for leaks.
- Sweep or vacuum wastes such as paint chips, concrete or dust.
- Dispose of chemical fluids properly- recycle when possible or bring to County landfill for proper disposal.
- Transfer fluids carefully- use drip pans or drop cloths to catch spills. Keep absorbent materials onsite (kitten litter) for prompt cleanup of spills.
- Never hose down equipment or spills- use dry cleanup methods and properly dispose.

The sustainability of a business is dependent on the decisions made regarding development and management practices. Overall, it is in the best interest of a business to ensure best management practices are incorporated in all levels of decision making to preserve and protect the natural and human environments upon which its operation relies.